

**WESTERN STATES  
WILD HORSE & BURRO EXPO  
RENO LIVESTOCK EVENTS CENTER  
AUGUST 20-22, 2004**



Group photo of available horses

Photo by Cathy Barcomb

**Adoption of BLM and Nevada Estray Horses  
will be Saturday, August 21 at 2 p.m.**

**Preview horses at 1 p.m.**

**Bids start at**

**\$125 for BLM horses**

**and**

***\$150 for Nevada Estray horses.***

**Adopters must meet qualifications to bid.**

## BLM SADDLE-TRAINED HORSES



**#0765 - Chopper**

2-year old strawberry roan gelding

14.3 hands

Origin: Rock Creek HMA

Good horse for an intermediate or experienced rider, stops well, loads in trailer, can rope from him.



**#1606 - Flintlock**

2-year old gray gelding

13.3 hands

Origin: Owyhee HMA

Very gentle, loads in trailer, leads well, very easy to catch.

### What's a wild horse and what's an estray?

A wild horse, as defined by federal law, is an unbranded, unclaimed, free-roaming horse found on **public lands** in the United States. A 1971 Congressional Act gave the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management the charge to manage, protect and control wild horses in order to ensure healthy herds and healthy rangelands.

An **estrays** is a horse that lives on state lands under the jurisdiction of the State of Nevada Department of Agriculture and is managed through a consortium of agreements with established wildlife protection organizations and the State Department of Corrections and its Silver State Industries program. Most estrays are found in the Virginia City area.

## BLM SADDLE-TRAINED HORSES



**#1678 - Rascal**

2-year old chestnut gelding  
with flaxen mane and tail

15 hands

Origin: Owyhee HMA

Good all around horse, strong  
enough to pull drags and logs,  
stops and backs up.



**#7927 - Fancy**

4-year old sorrel mare

15.1 hands

Origin: Callaghan HMA

Can ride bareback with a halter  
and lead rope, good children's  
horse, backs up, loads well into  
trailer.

### Bureau of Land Management Adoption Requirements at a Glance:

- Must be 18 years old. Parents or guardians may adopt and allow a younger family member to care for the animal.
- Have no prior conviction for inhumane treatment of animals or for violating the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act.
- Have adequate feed, water and facilities (at least 400 square feet for each animal) to provide humane care for the number of animals requested.
- Provide a home for the animal in the United States until you receive Certificate of Title from the BLM.

## BLM SADDLE-TRAINED HORSES



**#9544 - Lady**

**3-year old sorrel mare with  
flaxen mane and tail**

**15.1 hands**

**Origin: Callaghan HMA**

**Very gentle, loads in trailer,  
walks over plastic and carries a  
flag, will do anything asked of  
her.**

**Successful adopters need to pick up their horses and take them home no later than 3 p.m., Sunday afternoon, August 22.**

**Four halter-trained 3-year old horses will also be available for adoption.**

To download a BLM adoption application off the internet, go to:  
[http://www.nv.blm.gov/prison\\_horses/default.htm](http://www.nv.blm.gov/prison_horses/default.htm). Look for Application under  
“Adoption Requirements.”

***For more information on adopting a prison-trained horse, contact:***

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P.O. Box 7000  
Carson City, NV 89701  
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or Tim Bryant at (775) 887-9331

## State of Nevada Estray Horses



David

2 year old bay gelding

Size: 14.3 hands

High energy horse, responds well to instruction, backs up, trots and lopes well.

*Please note: Rider is over 6'6" tall*



Billie the Kid

Bay mare

Origin: Comstock

Stops well, backs up, trots and lopes well, loads easily into trailer, very easy to catch.

To download an adoption application for State of Nevada estray horses from the internet, go to:

<http://www.whmentors.org/forms/adoptcombo.pdf>.



## State of Nevada Estray Horses



Drifter

3-year old bay gelding

Size: 14 hands

Origin: Comstock

Little shy at first but warms up quickly, he is very willing to learn and eager to please.



Grouse

Bay gelding

Size: 13.3 hands

Origin: Comstock

High energy horse, loads well, backs up, very soft mouth, trots and lopes easily.

### **About the Warm Springs Correctional Center program:**

The gentling program in Carson City began in October 2000. It is a cooperative effort shared by Silver State Industries (the Nevada Department of Corrections industries program) and the Nevada Department of Agriculture. Originally the program trained only State of Nevada estray horses, but through an agreement, inmates now also train BLM wild horses.

# State of Nevada Estray Horses



Snoopy

3-year old bay gelding

Size: 14 hands

Origin: Comstock

High energy horse, stops quickly, perfect for an experienced rider.

## **What facilities must I have to adopt a wild horse or burro?**

You must provide a minimum of 400 square feet (20 feet x 20 feet) for each animal adopted. Horses less than 18 months of age should be kept in corrals with fences 5 feet high. Fences must be at least 4.5 feet high for ungentled burros and 6 feet high for ungentled horses more than 18 months of age. You should not release an ungentled animal into a large open area, such as a pasture, since you may not be able to recapture the animal for training or to provide veterinary care. However, once the animal is gentled, you may release it into a pasture or similar area. The acceptable corral must be sturdy and constructed out of poles, pipes, or planks (minimum 1.5 inch thickness) without dangerous protrusions. Barbed wire, large-mesh woven, stranded and electric materials are unacceptable for fencing.

Posts should be a minimum of 6 inches in diameter and spaced no farther than 8 feet apart. Horizontal rails should be 3-inch minimum diameter poles or planks at least 2 feet x 8 feet. If you use poles, there should be a minimum of five horizontal rails, and when you use 2" x 8" planks, there should be at least four rails. No space between rails should exceed 12". You should fasten all rails to the inside of the post with either heavy nails or lag screws.

You must provide shelter from inclement weather and temperature extremes for your adopted wild horse or burro. Shelters must be a two-sided structure with a roof, well-drained, adequately ventilated, and accessible to the animal(s). The two sides need to block the prevailing winds and need to protect the major part of the bodies of the horse or burro. Tarps are not acceptable.